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REMARKS

Claims 1, 8, 14, and 22 are amended to more clearly recite transmitting of translated mobile feature information to a land line element and utilization of the translated mobile feature information by the land line element to implement a mobile feature. Claims 5 and 6 are amended to agree with and to ensure proper antecedent basis with claim 1, as amended. Claims 23 and 26 are amended to correct obvious typographical errors. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants traverse the rejection of claims 1-30 as anticipated by McConnell et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,633,636). Each of the pending claims recite, in part, a method of or a system for providing mobile feature information to enable a mobile feature on a land line element within a communication network comprising translating mobile feature information, transmitting the translated mobile feature information to a land line element and implementing a mobile feature in the land line element using the translated mobile feature information. McConnell does not disclose translating mobile feature information, transmitting translated mobile feature information to a land line element or implementing a mobile feature in a land line element using translated mobile feature information, and thus, cannot anticipate the pending claims.

Generally, the claimed method and system enables existing land line based call agents to process mobile network calls having mobile phone related features (e.g., call forwarding when roaming), which the call agent may otherwise be unable to process. Some call agents may have a pre-programmed land line feature function, which accepts input data, e.g., from a provisioning database, and performs the land line feature function based on the input data. For example, a land-line based call agent may have a land line based call forward busy function, in which case, a provisioning database may provide the call agent with a phone

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number for forwarding a call when the call agent determines that a receiver is busy. The claimed method and system provides a translation element that will obtain mobile feature information, translate that information into a form usable by the land line call agent to mimic a mobile feature, and transmit the translated feature information for input to the land line call agent so that the call agent is called upon to execute a mobile feature, it will mimic the mobile feature using the translated mobile feature information and the translated mobile feature information.

McConnell discloses an interface 18 for directing a wireless intelligent network service control point ("WIN SCP") to transmit routing instructions to a PBX. McConnell does not disclose translating mobile feature information and transmitting the translated mobile feature information to a land line element. As disclosed in McConnell (Col. 7, line 62 – Col. 8, line 8), when an incoming telephone call, having a phone number associated with an enhanced service, is received on a PBX, the PBX requests enhanced services information from an interface 18, which then directs a WIN SCP to send the PBX routing instructions. This is not translating mobile feature information. In fact, because McConnell's PBX appears to directly accept routing instructions from external sources, such as the WIN SCP, McConnell actually teaches that translation is not necessary, i.e., the WIN SCP provides routing instructions that the PBX is designed to accept.

The claimed method and system, on the other hand, uses translation to provide a land line element, e.g., a call agent or a provisioning database, with feature information that prior to translation, may not be acceptable to that land line element. For example, as described above, mobile feature information cannot be directly transmitted to a land line element that does not recognize the parameters corresponding to a mobile feature such as forwarding when roaming. The claimed system may first translate the mobile feature information into a

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land line equivalent feature, such as a call forward when busy parameter, before the land line element will accept the mobile feature information. Because McConnell does not disclose translating mobile feature information and transmitting the translated mobile feature information to a land line element, McConnell cannot anticipated the pending claims. Notwithstanding the above, McConnell also does not disclose transmitting translated mobile feature information to a call agent or to a provisioning database, as recited by dependent claims 5, 11, 16, and 28. McConnell discloses a database associated with the interface 18, which the Office action analogizes to a services client, and thus, cannot be a provisioning database that is associated with a land line element. McConnell also discloses a database for the visitor location register (VLR) and home location register (HLR), which is not a provisioning database having land line fixed feature information. The only other database McConnell discloses is a WIN SCP database, which cannot be a provisioning database because it is disclosed to hold mobile feature information, not land line fixed feature information. Regarding the call agent, McConnell does not disclose a call agent, in any manner, much less transmitting mobile feature information to a call agent. Therefore, McConnell cannot anticipate claims 5, 11, 16, and 28.

CONCLUSION -

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of rejected claims 1-30.

Although Applicants believe that no other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP. In addition, if a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is necessary to maintain the pendency of this case and is not otherwise requested in this case, Applicants request that the Commissioner consider this paper to be a request for an appropriate extension of time and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a) corresponding to the needed extension of time to Deposit Account No. No. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call its attorney at the number listed below.

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